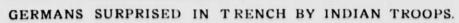
## GURKHAS AT WORK WITH THE KUKRI







The characteristic weapon of the Gurkhas now serving in France among the British troops brought from India is the kukri, a curved knife, nicknamed "cooker." With this they do deadly work in hand to hand encounters. Mr. Villiers writes: "The Gurkhas attacked one of the enemy's trenches on the left wing, surprised and utterly routed them with their famous 'cookers.' It was a weird night scene—simply the light of bursting shells glinting on the left wing, surprised and utterly routed them with their famous 'cookers.' It was a weird night scene—simply the light of bursting shells glinting on the knives of the Gurkhas as they cut at the Germans."

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